Universal Service Administrative Co.

FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2027

Form 470 Application Number: 270005502
SAFE C1 and C2 470 2027

Billed Entity

Smith Academy for Excellence
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46819-2000 Allen County
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Billed Entity Number: 17028420
FCC Registration Number: 0024116014

Contact Information

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Number of Eligible Entities: 1

Application Type

Applicant Type: School
Recipients of Services: Charter School; Public School

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
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Consultants

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RFPS

ID	Name
238556	RFP SAFE 2027

Category One Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Function Other Description	Minimum Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Internet Access and Data Transmission Service		2 Gbps	5 Gbps	1	1	Each	Yes	238556
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Internet Access and Data Transmission Service		500 Mbps	2 Gbps	1	1	Each	Yes	238556

Description of Other Functions

ID	Name

Narrative

Business Class Cable Fiber 3Gbps5Gbps download, 3,0005,000Mbps upload, copper, coax, cable, for emergency internet connection should fiber connection be compromised for any period, 3 to 5 yrs agreement, installation by July 1, 2027 for working services on July 1, 2027

Business Class Cable Modem 5002000MB download, 2064MB upload, copper, coax, cable, for emergency internet connection should fiber connection be compromised for any period, 3 to 5 yrs agreement, installation by July 1, 2027 for working services on July 1, 2027

Specifications required:
All hardware quoted must be compatible with existing infrastructure. If the equipment is different from what is requested, documentation must be provided with the proposal demonstrating that the proposed equipment is equivalent, or the proposal will not be considered.
Hardware quoted must be new with the manufacturers warranty (minimum of three years). Quotes for used equipment will not be considered.
The bidder shall provide their SPIN in their proposal (or provide documentation that a SPIN has been applied for) and shall document that they are an authorized reseller of the equipment being proposed.
Cabling vendors must be bonded/insured.
Vendor must ensure that all quoted prices will be honored at the time of purchase.
Installation costs must be listed separately from hardware costs.
Proposals from vendors on Red Light Status with the FCC or delinquent on a debt to a state or federal governmental agency or entity will be disqualified.
In-state (or local) vendors preferred.
Previous experience with vendor preferred.
Vendor must put in writing their willingness to give discounted bills.
Please note that SPAM, robotic responses, or bids submitted through generic platforms and templates will be disqualified.
Additionally, we are seeking direct partnerships and will not consider proposals from ISP resellers.
Internet Access service quoted must provide access to the state network.
The applicant reserves the right to reject bids that are received after 9:00 a.m. of the Allowable Contract Date shown on the Form 470.Or,
The deadline for vendor proposals is 9:00 am Eastern, 29 days from the date this Form 470 is posted. We reserve the right to reject late-submitted proposals.
Exemption of taxes for the state of Michigan public schools, State of Ohio public schools and State of Indiana public schools, tax exempt form supplied at vendors request
This academy will use the billing method Service Provider Invoice (SPI) (Form 474) for Category 2 items and (BEAR)(Form 472) for Category 1. We reserve the right to reject a vendor that cannot use these specified billing methods for the appropriate categories.

Please clearly display the expiration date of the proposal as well as details on how to request an extension or receive a revised proposal
*If your proposal does not include these applicable items, disqualification will occur
Our committee will be reviewing the proposals received utilizing our bid matrix. Please send your proposal (or any further questions) via email to erate.mw@leonagroupmw.com.

Sincerely,
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Midwest E-Rate Coordinator

Category Two Service Requests

Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
Internal Connections	Firewall Service, Components, and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	1		1	Each	No	238556
Internal Connections	Firewall Service, Components, and Necessary Software and Licenses	Other or equivalent	2		1	Each	No	238556

Description of Other Manufacturers

ID	Name
1	Fortinet FortiCare 24x7 BundleExtended service agreement (renewal) - advance parts replacement with content filtering - 1 years
2	Fortinet FortiCare 24x7 BundleExtended service agreement (renewal) - advance parts replacement with content filtering - 3 years

Narrative

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State and Local Procurement Restrictions

Billed Entities

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name
17028420	Smith Academy for Excellence

Certifications

I certify that the applicant includes:

I certify that the applicant includes schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7801 (18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding $50 million.

Other Certifications

I certify that this FCC Form 470 and any applicable RFP will be available for review by potential bidders for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted will be carefully considered and the bid selected will be for the most cost-effective service or equipment offering, with price being the primary factor, and will be the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology goals.

I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification) after the later of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the form for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.

I certify that I have reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that I have complied with them. I acknowledge that persons willfully making false statements on this form may be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.

I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used primarily for educational purposes, see 47 C.F.R. § 54.500, and will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513. Additionally, I certify that the entity or entities listed on this form have not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment sought by means of this form, from the service provider, or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.

I acknowledge that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) and/or library(ies) I represent securing access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that I have considered what financial resources should be available to cover these costs. I certify that I am authorized to procure eligible services for the eligible entity(ies). I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this form, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

NOTICE:

In accordance with Section 54.503 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, certain schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts must file this Description of Services Requested and Certification Form (FCC Form 470) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. Schools and libraries must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information requested in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether you have complied with the competitive bidding requirements applicable to requests for universal service discounts. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, rule or order, the information you provide in this form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information you provide in this form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, information provided in or submitted with this form, or in response to subsequent inquiries, may also be subject to disclosure consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, FCC regulations, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the information you provide in this form may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC or Universal Service Administrator may return your form without action or deny a related request for universal service discounts.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

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